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Dear Mr. Stacey;

## Re: Streamflow Regulations

I am writing to you in support of the implementation of the draft Stream-flow Regulations. This is an appropriate regulation that provides protection to the water supply in Connecticut's streams and rivers, and is long overdue.

While I am in support of these regulations, I am opposed to the designation of a classification of rivers and streams that essentially writes off the stream because it has already been heavily diverted and/or used for discharge.

While it is certainly important to identify such streams, a laissez faire approach to class four rivers and streams is dangerous. I am certainly not opposed to their identification; I am against that class being considered beyond help or enforcement. The State and DEP needs to remember that "protection" is a part of DEP's name and more importantly, mission. These class 4 rivers and streams need your agency's protection just as much, if not more than classes 1-3.

Class four either needs to be eliminated or the regulation rewritten so that protection is extended to those rivers and streams. This classification of river and stream needs protection; an opportunity to give up on the most damaged streams is one that should not be provided in regulation. I would hate to see a river like the Quinnipiac, which flows through my town, to regress from the significant progress it has made because of a faulty regulation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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